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1. In late May and early June 1955, flying in formations of three and four in addition to flights of twin-engine aircraft were observed at Cottbus airfield. ¹
2. On 12 June 1955, gliding was observed at Cottbus airfield. Two gliders made towed take-offs by means of a cable winch. These flights lasted about five minutes. The hangars at the northern edge of the field were closed. Piston-type aircraft were not observed. ¹
3. The barracks installation at Gubener Strasse were apparently fully occupied by members of the Aeroclub. Numerous soldiers who were seen at the windows had light-blue collar patches with a wing. The barracks gate was guarded by a sentry with light-blue collar patches and armed with a submachine gun. Numerous numbers of the Aeroclub, officers, and MCCs were seen in the town of Cottbus. Recruits apparently were stationed in the barracks at Gubener Strasse, and were restricted to quarters on that Sunday.
4. The Rehaußen airfield was located about 10 km southeast of the town of Cottbus. There was no runway and only two temporary buildings were seen at the taxiway, one of which was provided with an air sleeve mounted on a pole. The airfield was used by the Cottbus Aero Club. The field was apparently not permanently occupied and only training flights were occasionally performed. Between 0830 and 1430 on 29 March 1955, there was air activity by two AF-2s both of them were occupied by three men. The aircraft flew circles over the field, landed, touched down at a white flag signal, and immediately went around again. From the poor performance of landing operations it was concluded that the take-off and landing procedures involved student pilots. During the lunch-hour the aircraft landed and parked at the edge of the field. Three soldiers were seen leaving the aircraft. No change of the crew was observed during air activity. A soldier who gave a flag signals at the take-off point and a radio truck with a rod antenna was observed at the taxiway.

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About 10 members of the Aero Club were seen playing with a ball near the temporary buildings.

At lunch-hour, one truck loaded with rations proceeded from the direction of Cottbus. At 1430, the truck was still parked at the field although air activity had started at 1300. ²

1. Comment. Cottbus airfield is still occupied by two battalions of the Cottbus Aero Club. According to the present report it is undetermined if the flights with two-engine aircraft were training flights by the VPL or intermediate landings by foreign aircraft. The gliding activity at airfields of the Aero Club with previous activities on sundays.

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2. Comment. The use of the sodded airfield at Neuhausen as an auxiliary training field has been reported previously.

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